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In re the Application of

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TRAVERSAL OF ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT  
AND PROVISIONAL ELECTION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement of November 10, 2005, the Applicants submit that the election requirement is unwarranted, because Figs. 2-5 indicate the signal flow of the circuit of Fig. 1. Specifically, Fig. 1 is a configuration diagram of a signal line connection between a first semiconductor chip and a second semiconductor chip in the semiconductor device of the invention. Figs. 2-5 are respective diagrams showing a signal transmission system (1) at the time of the test mode for the memory macro before the connection of the chips in the semiconductor device, (2) at the time of the test mode for the memory macro control circuit before and after the connection of the chips in the semiconductor device,

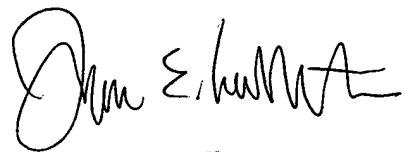
(3) at the time of the test mode for the memory macro after the connection of the chips in the semiconductor device, and (4) at the time of the normal operation mode after the connection of the chips in the semiconductor device.

Thus, it is submitted that it is very clear that Figs. 1-5 do not represent different species of the present invention and that the present election requirement is clearly unwarranted.

As required in the office action, the Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species I, with traverse. Because of the above-described relationship among the figures of this application, it is submitted that all pending claims are generic and are directed to the subject matter of Fig. 1, and thus all claims are considered to be directed to the elected "species."

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Election Requirement are respectfully requested.

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